

POETRY SLAM 2008

Instructions

- ❖ Choose a topic or topics. Circle your topic/s.
- ❖ Use at least 5 of the words provided to construct a poem on a blank sheet of paper or the back of this page or in email. Ideas for form provided below.
- ❖ Place your completed form in the poetry slam box or email it to Alfia. You may complete more than one if it strikes your fancy. You may collaborate or work alone.
- ❖ At the appointed time those interested will congregate in the front room and those who choose to read/perform the poems will randomly choose them from the box and recite them to the amusement or mortification of others. Fun!

Topics

(choose one per poem or mix-n-match!)

- ❖ **Fleurs du mal:** Some flowers are *poisonous*..
- ❖ **Dances of the Demogogues:** Palin Polka? Tax and Spend Tango? Military-Industrial Mambo? Extra points for a dance demo.
- ❖ **Trust me!**: Tell us why we should trust you with our taxes, TURP surgery, daughters, our hearts or anything else.
- ❖ **Melancholia:** Once you wandered weak and weary...
- ❖ **De-cade-nce:** Your top ten count-down? Sing to ten in Chinese? The Weimar Republic? Digitastic!
- ❖ **Whatever your little heart desires**

Word List

(Please use at least 5 of the following randomly chosen words in your composition)

pale, stamen, tango, thorn, confidence, vibration, nevermore, decimal, precipice, pirouette, conflagration, hedgerow, vicissitude, leaky, tender, baneful, raven, vacuous, oboe, November, cummerbund, Novosibirsk, bratwurst, liverwurst, audacity, armory, decrepit, lengthwise, sham, crevasse, festering, bridge, moribund, palms, chiaroscuro, chocolate, lime, mannequin, vale, autumn, ten, maple, gird, grate, grotto, polar, snow-plough, harbinger, moose

Form

Your poem may take any form and be of any length. You may choose that it be a **song**, in which case you may want to provide notes on the melody or rhythm to which it should be sung. It can **rhyme**, be as formal as a sonnet or sestina. It could be a **rap** song, blank verse or a **haiku** (5, 7, 5 syllables.) It could be a **limerick**. It could be some rhyming ad shtick. Just make something up and stick it in the box. Or [email it to Alfia](#). Thanks.